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SHOOTING TEAM

TEAM SHOOTING

OVERVIEW

- Team composition
- Organization on the firing line
- Coaches attributes, duties and responsibilities
- Team captain responsibilities

TEAM COMPOSITION

- Each team must consist of a team captain, coach, four firing members.
- Must have at least one officer, a Sergeant or below, and a Tyro.
- Two alternates if available.

TEAM COMPOSITION (cont.)

- Officer cannot fulfill the Tyro slot.
- Sergeant or below and the Tyro can be the same individual.
- Captain and coach may be firing members.
- Composed of members of the same unit in accordance with MCO 3591.2_.

TEAM COMPOSITION (cont.)

- Units are authorized to field two teams
  - -If the manpower is present
  - -Prerequisites are met for both teams
- Team members must compete in the individual portion to be eligible for the team match.

TEAM COMPOSITION EXAMPLES

Team 1

1stLt
- Officer

SSgt
- Tyro

Cpl
- Sgt or below

LCpl
- Other

Team 2

CWO2
- Officer

GySgt
- Other

SSgt
- Other

PFC
- Sgt or below and Tyro

ORGANIZATION ON THE FIRING LINE

- One team per firing point.
- Firing order is determined by the coach.

ORGANIZATION ON THE FIRING LINE (cont.)

Slow Fire:

- Two team members, pair firing
- Competitor on the right shoots first
- Shots fired out of sequence are misses
- First pair completes slow fire; second pair moves up
- Block time of 83 minutes

ORGANIZATION ON THE FIRING LINE (cont.)

Rapid Fire:

- Only one member will fire rapid fire at a time.
- Four individual, consecutive strings on the same target.
- Order is determined by the coach.

ORGANIZATION ON THE FIRING LINE (cont.)

Coaches position:

- Slow fire: Between the competitors and slightly behind them, not to interfere with their positions.

- Rapid fire: Directly behind the shooter; the scope directly in line with the shooter’s line of bore to the target.

ORGANIZATION ON THE FIRING LINE (cont.)

Team Captain's position:

- Slightly behind and to one side of the coach.
- Allows the captain to communicate with the coach and the official scorekeeper.
- Captain cannot communicate with the competitors while the coach is present.
- If the coach leaves the firing line; captain can assume the responsibilities of the coach.

TEAM COACH ATTRIBUTES

- Should be the most experienced marksman and/or competitive shooter.
- Enforces marksmanship fundamentals.
- Ability to read the wind and mirage and make adjustments quickly.
- Promote positive mental attitude, team spirit and the will to win.

TEAM COACH TECHNIQUES

Member Selection:

- Eligible to compete IAW MCO 3591.2_.
- Maintain thorough records of scores and groups on each competitor to form the best team.
- Possesses a strong desire to win, an even temperament, a spirit of cooperation, and an attitude of sportsmanship.

TEAM COACH TECHNIQUES (cont.)

Pairing shooting partners:

- Competitors have varying skill levels and scores.
- Competitors have varying speeds in their shot delivery process.
- Compatibility in personality can help enhance performance.
- Allows competitors to relax while under match pressure.

TEAM COACH TECHNIQUES (cont.)

Training:

- Coach must closely observe competitor's habits to drive increases in performance.

Team Relationship:

- Establishing the proper relationship between the coach and the competitor is paramount.

Team Communication:

- Ability to share information and experiences amongst team members allows team to improve and eliminate mistakes.

TEAM COACH DUTIES

Before the match:

- Ensure that competitors arrive on time.
- Check that rifles are clean and serviceable.
- Ensure team members have all equipment.
- Ensure the proper amount and condition of the ammunition.
- Give competitors target assignments and firing order.

TEAM COACH DUTIES (cont.)

During prep period:

- Captain and coach check target for proper facing, appearance and serviceability.
- Confirm holds for each yard line.
- Remind competitors of target number.
- Remind competitors to reestablish a shooting process.
- Set up the team scope to observe wind conditions and mirage.

TEAM COACH DUTIES (cont.)

During slow fire:

- Responsible for keeping the team’s time.
- Gives necessary adjustments for wind holds.
- Remind competitors of target number.
- Check the location and value of the shot and compare the competitors call to the hit.
- Plot hits on the plotting sheet and provide any correction to the shooter.
- Ensure the competitors stay in firing order.
- Challenge any scores/marks on the target.

TEAM COACH DUTIES (cont.)

During rapid fire:

- Position scope low and in line with the rifle barrel to observe the target and mirage.
- Remind competitors of target number prior to firing.
- Make wind calls as necessary.
- Observe the vapor trail of the rounds.
- Give hold adjustments as needed during the string.
- Speed up or slow down competitor.
- Keep time.

TEAM COACH DUTIES (cont.)

After firing:

- Ensure weapon is safe.
- Plot group and discuss the stage with the competitor.
- Prepare the next relay to fire.
- If there is a dispute about scores or marking the coach has the right to challenge a rapid fire string during the 90-second challenge period only.
- Critique the team's performance after firing.

TEAM CAPTAIN DUTIES

- Also responsible for keeping time.
- Assist with wind calls.
- Alert the next competitor or pair when to get ready to move up to the firing line.
- Keep track of scorekeeper while scoring.
- Receives and verifies scores on the official scorecard, makes sure it is signed, and turns it in.
- Responsible for assisting the coach as needed.

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